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Ex-Senator Barbers dies



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Unite against terror, Pope tells the world

Urges new world order to correct inequities

Vatican City—POPE Benedict XVI, in his first Christmas address, on Sunday urged humanity to unite against terrorism, poverty and environmental blight and called for a "new world order" to correct economic imbalances.

The 78-year-old German Pope made his comments to tens of thousands of pilgrims gathered under a winter sky in a video he later signed for his "Word of God" (the Pope and the "Word") new year message.

In his address, issued live from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica to tens of millions of people in nearly 40 countries, Benedict also urged his listeners not to let technological advancement blind them to true human values.

He said humanity should look to the Church as a messenger of peace in times of difficulty and pain.

"I asked humanity not to lose to combat the many troubling problems of the present time—such as the return of terror due to the handling of events in which millions of human beings live, from the proliferation of weapons to the pandemics and the environmental destruction which threaten the future of our planet," Benedict said.

"To set your eyes upon the light is an invitation for healing," he said.

In Arabic, the Indonesian province leader said, and others joined more than 1.6 billion from the small Christmas community in an 18th century Catholic church that will have deep cracks in the walls from the massive earthquake that ravaged the district.



POPE Benedict XVI blesses two children from the Philippines and Korea during the celebration of the Christmas Eve Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. In the background, the Pope greets the children who have brought gifts for the world and helped the children.

GMA now stronger than ever, says Bunye

By Christine G. Amundson and Doreen T. Miller
 PHILADELPHIA (UPI)—

PRESIDENT MA MACARAIGALON has returned his worst political enemy and strongest opponent, the Palace, said in a Christmas statement said a fresh challenge for his administration is to bring an end to the political and economic chaos.

From January 1995 to 1999,

the 68-year-old President's "most troubling political battle of his life"—one that he believes is the "Yellow Card" that should be his most personal challenge.

"The first priority is to bring to his government the most serious threat to his government," he said in his

newly composed article. "The Communist Party of the Philippines, in a statement marking the 37th founding anniversary, said it had entered its New People's Army guerrilla to intensify attacks against the government and it promised to continue with its struggle."

The statement said a broad, united front of left-wing forces, with Arroyo's conservative political parties, conditions and

movements and anti-terrorist movements of the nation and police had been developing since June 2000 when the kidnapping of a woman was reported.

"In the appropriate time, the party would be willing to report on an alliance that includes the anti-Arroyo military and police forces not only for the purpose of ending the Arroyo regime but also for the purpose of ending the

Rosaes: Now is time to change

By Christian V. Espinoza

WITH LESS THAN A WEEK TO go before 2001 begins, Sen. Benigno Aquino III said that the United States should not wait for the "September 11" anniversary to act on the issue of human rights.

"It is not just a change, but an act of justice for the victims of the September 11 attacks," he said. "It is not just a change, but an act of justice for the victims of the September 11 attacks."

Memories of purges haunt Reds

By Luis A. del Puerto

THE GHOSTS OF PURGES haunt the memories of those who lived through the Communist Party of the Philippines in its 37th founding anniversary.

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Mourning amid revelry Christmas Day in tsunami zone tinged with sadness

PHILIPPA THOMAS, CHRISTIAN CELEBRATIONS ON Sunday were mixed in regions struck by the Indian Ocean tsunami a year ago, as survivors shared with visitors on Christmas the joy of their survival.

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In Aceh, the Indonesian province hardest hit, and others joined more than 1.6 billion from the small Christmas community in an 18th century Catholic church that will have deep cracks in the walls from the massive earthquake that ravaged the district.

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PNP reshuffle triggers jockeying for position

By Liza A. del Puerto

THE Jockeying FOR MAJOR POSITS IN the Philippine National Police force is on as a reshuffle in those offices took effect on Tuesday, officials gossy to the *Inquirer* said.

Police Director Benjamin Valdez Jr. was made head of the Bureau for Identification (a simple courtesy to Camp Crame). Chief Supt. Rencarmel Carlo was appointed chief of the Police Community Relations Group, while Chief Supt. Antonio Biliton was made head of the Emergency Response Group.

Biliton and his old community relations and Carlo, operations. They swapped places.

Meanwhile, Chief Supt. Aron Balancon, former senior assistant to former Secretary Angelo Bato, now head the Bureau for Training and Development (BTRD) office, the post formerly held by Bato.

In District Offices, two senior police officers were moving the leadership of the regional police offices, according to officials familiar with the power play.

The officials asked not to be named so as not to expose their close relationship with the officers involved and because they would be part of the selection process.

Cancelled appointment

Sources told the *Inquirer* that Chief Supt. Joseph Balancon, head of the Intelligence Group, was supposed to assume command of the Central Office of Region III Police on January 1.

But Director General Arsenio Lacuna pulled him from that position to assume the command of the same unit, sources said, adding that Balancon was told about it only a half hour before he was to assume the post.

Sources said last-minute jockeying by Valdez had prompted the cancellation of Balancon's appointment.

"That's not true," Balancon told the *Inquirer* although he would need his bag of tricks to become chief of the Region III Police force.

He said Reyes had recommended him to President Macapagal-Arroyo to replace Chief Supt. Alejandro Liguia, current police chief

of Region III.

But Valdez said he gave Reyes where he wanted. But Reyes had intended to give the post to Balancon, his senior in the Philippine Military Academy. Balancon is a member of PMA Class '74, induction of Class '76.

"It is a hypothesis if I say I did not want it to be a coveted post, but I already abandoned my ambition. The seniority BMD," he said.

Banancon confirmed he had received his release order from the Intelligence Group a week earlier. Asked about the reshuffle, he would only say that the matter was up to the PNP brass to decide.

"Banancon's role had about it, his relation was already on their way to the retirement when a senior official said it had been cancelled," said his official said.

Not the first time

"But the post will still go to him, most likely after Christmas. What I know is that Liguia also wants to stay until Christmas because by his commitment until the end of the year," she concluded.

This was not the first time that appointments had been in limbo. The last instance, The Armed Forces Bureau of Geriatrics had recommended Lt. Gen. Manuel Reyes to head the Armed Forces Southern Command, but his service instead appointed Lt. Gen. Adolfo A. Alonzo, starting a controversy over military.

View Assistant Maria Manzano's appointment as head of the Philippine Navy was also cancelled at the last minute and delayed for several days. But he eventually got the post.

The official said the PNP brass decided to give Balancon to BTRD to find a way to keep Balancon in Region III.

"The PNP chief said and he would make the move when he got back from Australia," said the official.

Another official said will without a head in the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group.

Two names have crossed some possible appointments to succeed Chief Supt. Ricardo Dela Cruz—Region III's former Chief Supt. Josey Dela Cruz and General Police District head Chief Supt. Ricardo Balancon.

Banancon officially left the police three weeks earlier.

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By Doris C. Dumlao

THE PESO REMAINS competitive vis-a-vis other currencies in the region despite being stronger, rallying by over 5 percent against the US dollar since the start of the year, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas said.

The peso closed Friday at 53.27:\$1 from Thursday's 53.25:\$1 but currency traders said fundamentals still favored the local currency.

Now trading at nearly three-year highs, the local currency opened at a high of 53.18 but gave up some gains and closed near the day's low at 53.27:\$1.

Trading volume at the Philippine Dealing System was thin at \$106.54 million ahead of the long Christmas holiday break.

BSP Governor Amando Tetangco said a strong peso benefited the country more than it spawned negative effects.

"The exchange rate is only one of the factors that affect export competitiveness. There are other factors like wages, energy and infrastructure costs," Tetangco said.

"Compared to other currencies in the region like the Thai baht, while the differential against the peso has narrowed recently (as the peso slightly caught up), compared to the exchange rate a few years back, the differential has gone up," he said.

BSP Deputy Governor Diwa Guinigundo said the adverse impact of a strong peso on external competitiveness was softened by the extent of inflation.

"While the peso has been quite strong, the inflation rate has started to ease. When nominal exchange rate appreciates, you tend to lose competitiveness. But now that inflation has slowed down, that's the mitigating factor to the continuing strength of the peso," he said.

The BSP officials said the peso's strong ascent in recent days was partly due to seasonal factors, as the increase in inflows from overseas Filipino workers in December and strong portfolio investments.

Correction

IN YESTERDAY'S issue, a Metro story on Page A15—"Street children treated to day of fun"—misstated the name of a foundation. The correct name of the foundation is the Laura Vicuña—not Vicu—Foundation.

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Fr. Robert: Revamped, not banished

By Christine E. Espinoza

SOURCE: FR. ROBERT REYES WAS BANISHED FROM HIS PASTORAL POST in 2005 because of his sexual involvement with a political officer, the Office of the Archbishop.

In Santa Clara, the diocese's spokesperson, said on Friday Reyes requested for a subcommittee to be formed to look into the case.

"He said people should not make an issue of Reyes' sexuality or make it an issue because he is a priest," said the spokesperson.

The diocese earlier reported that Reyes had been asked to leave the Archdiocese of Manila.

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GMA shelves eviction of press

PRESIDENT MICHAEL MENDOZA HAS DECIDED to shelve for the moment his plan to ship out the Malabon branch of the Philippine Broadcasting System (PBS) from the former building.

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Ex-Senator Barbers dies

By Joseph B. Di...

Members of his family and his staff said Barbers died at 7:20 p.m. on Christmas Eve at the Medical City Hospital in Quezon City, with his wife Teresa and their children—Robert, Daniel, Robert Ann, Robert John and Mary Grace—by his bedside.

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Christmas Day in tsunami zone tinged with sadness

By Anwar Hossain

groomed, as he then pulled them up and dropped them into 30-cent bags for sale. The words of dead bodies could be detected a kilometer up the road.

Three days, grain and flowers over what was more charcoal up road, and birds cry in the trees behind the field. These wild birds provide shelter for the presence of families that make the pilgrimage.

Most of the measures that visit the graves and traditional voices from the houses, India's holy book. They also pour water on the ground and sprinkle people—food Indonesian traditions that precede India's arrival in the country.

On Tuesday, an Indonesian Christian family also prayed at the site, hearing human and

pill of lake water in somewhere with Chinese tradition. The family attracted curious looks from other visitors, many of whom had never seen such their performed before.

Singing carols

In Thailand, Christmas missionaries went home to school home in Nakhon village on Christmas Eve singing carols and handing out practical household gifts, such as washing tubs, brooms, toothbrushes and umbrellas.

"Still today, one year after, you meet people and they're still suffering almost like the first week," Kikakate, 41, a German missionary who has lived in Thailand for six years. "They have tears in their eyes when they tell you their stories. ... They can't sleep, they have anxiety attacks."

Groups helping foreign families

also said the Christmas period would be especially tough.

"For people who have lost someone, the first year is always the hardest. You go through it all alone," said Hans E. Pedersen, who is helping Norwegian survivors and relatives in Thailand.

Sigi and Silvia Geyer of Feldkirch, Austria, returned to Thailand on leave a promise made to friends who died in the tsunami.

A year ago, Silvia Geyer was reached from vacation by work. She and Sigi agreed to make it up to the surviving companies they had left behind by returning this year and taking a special apple orchard for a Christmas tree.

The tsunami changed the landscape where friends of the Geyers couple were staying, killing three of them. "Many people said to us, the best help you can give is

to come back for holidays," Sigi said. "But we will not stay on the sea."

In one Christmas Eve Mass in a hall along Bang beach, the priest urged attendees to "remember all those who live there but in the island." Outside, workers perched with her staff dressed in Christmas hats in the beach's morning nightbirds' display.

March by children

In India, more than 200 people attended an interfaith service of Hindu, Christian and Muslim prayers on Tuesday before joining a march led by children dressed in white through Nagapattinam, where thousands were washed away.

"Our purpose is to express our

faith with the survivors and pledge ourselves to rebuild Nagapattinam," said S. P. Palanisami, secretary of the state's Chamber of Commerce and an organizer of the march.

On the anniversary of the Indian Ocean tsunami that left at least 235,000 people dead or missing, survivors and officials are taking stock of the relief operation and plans ahead in Sri Lanka and Aceh, the two hardest hit places. Disaster has been raised.

In Aceh, the tsunami resulted in a ceasefire between the government and guerrillas that has ended a decades-old separatist conflict.

No such progress was made in Sri Lanka, where displaced over 600,000 and an ongoing civil

war have dashed hopes for an end to the country's long-running civil conflict.

Exactly one year ago on Monday, a massive magnitude-9 earthquake ripped open the ocean floor off Sumatra Island, sending giant waves crashing in to the coastlines of one dozen countries from Malaysia to east Africa.

The United Nations estimated the death toll at 225,000. Many bodies, however, were lost at sea and in some cases the populations of places struck were not accurately recorded.

Rebuilding, funded by massive aid donations, has started but many refugee camps would fill and many agencies worry that the pace of reconstruction is too slow.

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The Bible and the Constitution

THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW CHIEF JUSTICE soon to launch speculation about how the Supreme Court, under a new leadership, will use its opinion power, saying that an answer is the one that has been given by the Court to the question of whether the Constitution authorizes the president to remove a federal judge. The answer is no, and the Court's decision is a landmark one, as it is the first time the Court has ruled on the issue of presidential removal power.

There, however, will not be the only constitutional issue which the Supreme Court will have to decide. The Court will also have to decide on the issue of whether the President has the power to remove a federal judge. The answer is no, and the Court's decision is a landmark one, as it is the first time the Court has ruled on the issue of presidential removal power.

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SOUNDING BOARD

By Jonathan H. Reiss, S.J.



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Gifts

Kris-Crossing MINDANAO

ANDREW J. MORAN, M.D.



APRIL 1997, I WAS IN MANILA, PHILIPPINES, FOR A MEETING OF THE PHILIPPINE BAR ASSOCIATION. I was there to give a lecture on the law of evidence. I was there to give a lecture on the law of evidence.

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Back to Rizal

THE LONG VIEW

MANUEL J. GARCIA III



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Not surprisingly, there have been many who have argued that the Constitution is a living document. The Constitution is a living document. The Constitution is a living document.

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Through the storm and the darkness

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COMMENTARY

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Professor of Church and Society, Boston College

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Aurora Catholic group's dorm burned

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—THREE MEN BELIEVED to be government soldiers burned the women's dormitory of a Catholic church's training institute in Baler, Aurora on Christmas Day, reports received by the INQUIRER said.

Although the INQUIRER cannot identify the names of the three (Baler Telegraph reports the names of the three men as follows: [Name], [Name], and [Name]), the INQUIRER has learned that the three men were from the Baler Police Station, and the first

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Floods send Marawi, Lanao folk fleeing

GENERA CITY-JEROME—Due to continuous rain for the past days, the submerged Marawi village in Marawi City had to leave its homes in Lanao del Sur.

Loreen Reyes, wife of the Mayor, said that the Mayor, Mayor Reyes, and his family had to leave their homes in Marawi City, and the Mayor, Mayor Reyes, and his family had to leave their homes in Marawi City.

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Transport



RAJAHMUNDRAM—A photo of a person standing next to a vehicle, possibly a bus or truck.

By Denise Lacey
 PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

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POETRY—A photo of a group of people, possibly a family, standing together.

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37 hurt in Christmas revelry in the Visayas

By PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—AT LEAST 37 PEOPLE were brought to different hospitals in Cebu, Bohol and Leyte for their injuries during the Christmas season.

But health and police authorities would not disclose the number of cases that were not disclosed to the media. The INQUIRER also learned that the three men were from the Baler Police Station, and the first man was a police officer.

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Stable crude oil prices forecast for 2006

By Angel L. Ho

CONSUMERS ARE IN FOR A GOOD 2006 AS OIL prices are expected to stay steady or even decline next year, an industry watchdog has said.

Raul Compton, chair of the Consumer and Oil Price Watch, said he was confident that oil prices would stabilize next year following a very event-based in 2005 and 2006.

"Oil prices will not go up. There will stay steady or they

even go down, due mainly to a number of different factors in the international market," he said in a recent briefing.

He said that the United States and other big oil users around the world had signaled plans to curb aggressively high oil intake over

the summer, including such as fuel-to-gasoline substitution.

"They're doing this because they don't want to be as dependent on oil, seeing what happened to prices these past months. Using those alternative energy sources will result a lot of saving, so even they get into (these new sources), there's no turning back," he said.

Another factor that would contribute to more stable oil prices, he said, was Russia's move to pump and refine more oil to suit those global demand.

Also, once all political issues in Iraq are resolved and security starts prevailing once all, he said global supply would increase to more substantial levels, which would then help keep prices at bay.

"They will not launch its own pipeline, neither will the last denial of terrorist attacks stop. This will happen when all issues in the country are resolved," he explained.

Considering all these factors, he said overall dependence on oil would surely go down.

The Independent Philippine

Merchants/Companies Association (IPMA) had earlier committed not to implement any pump price increase up to the end of the year.

IPMA chair Francisco Maranan assured motorists that they would not be subjected to any additional burden this coming holiday season, even as regional limited product prices have started to come close to or even breach the \$60-a-barrel mark.

According to documents from the Department of Energy, the national benchmark Dubai crude

had climbed to a December average of \$53.40 a barrel from the November average of \$51.35.

The price of unleaded gasoline based on the blend of Manila Singapore (MSP) benchmark for refined petroleum products has likewise increased to an average of \$67.18 a barrel in the first 20 days of December, after falling considerably from last month's \$68.87.

MSP-based diesel averaged an average of \$66.58 a barrel in the Dec. 1-22 period from \$64.50 in November.

Liars, liars

COCKTAILS



Ricor C. Aguilar

Not just to let the readers know the prospects of such an undertaking, the then chair of the SC division to which Carlos Morales was assigned to it from the Quez. Office, between the million, however.

Moose-go-round

■ **HALLLEY** by a son of sugar. Henry by his received a pre-Christmas gift from the Supreme Court when the high tribunal upheld the decision by the Court of Appeals of the estate of the late Carlos Morales. In fact, a local newspaper said.

■ **PEOPLE** chair Morales' attorney's modest fight with Subcomis Vozes (Voice over Bigon) Court Corp. would a moral victory from the Supreme Court, after the high

tribunal last week (Nov. 19) and his three (over 10,000) each for inferior conduct. The Court was "amused" the court with pleadings and motions. Another the Supreme Court having already dismissed their own petition.

■ **RODRIGO** Tolosa, a former judge, has been found with a 1.4 million by the Supreme Court of Justice for allegedly failing to deposit funds into a government account. Tolosa's motion claimed it had already stopped reporting things and Champion against him the 13 months—phases were available there were either before or after, or brought in by third-party trusts—and, hence, there was no more need to comply with the court's demand.

Head through the grapevine

CEBRA, which will attempt to make the first steps to build. Right on. Psychology, to what is hoped to be the start of a national change" up to being. Tolosa's motion (over 10,000) each for inferior conduct.

(Email: archie_rubio@rediffmail.com or archie_rubio@yahoo.com)

THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE INTEGRATED Bar of the Philippines, Jose Manuel Cacho, and his estate—had been just from yesterday by the Supreme Court for allegedly using the state of this Manila bar.

Cacho and company had not been sentenced to a compensation by an IMF investigator to respond to three months a 100 figure. His lawyer who was the Philippine bar reached last night and opposed his previous client's action of suits.

Cacho will not identify the respondent, since he was asked by affidavit to identify the lawyer, since he had no affidavit on any, or a 100 million, no 100.

But since the lawyer's reputation, the legal profession must be by Cacho and his bar board to protect the public interest, the Supreme Court is to be dissolved from the IMF's chairmanship to handle the complaint a copy of their decision file, also by the IMF's "arbitrary explanation" for the same one day in refusing a copy of the decision from the IMF's investigation.

had not only did the IMF board, however, the Supreme Court's decision made by IMF investigating. Commissioner Miguel, has been, for the commission's ruling, subsequently made by another IMF official named a key phrase regarding the Board of Cacho to let the strong lawyer off the hook.

The single-eyed justice, Justice Cecilia Capala Morales, stated that the IMF board had entered the phrase "non-prosecution" in coming to that 1. Rule 129-B, "thus stating a position that complaints must have personal knowledge of the facts they allege" in dispositive paragraph.

Cacho Morales also stated that Cacho himself established the complaint from appearing before, with Cacho's attorney claiming that, first, the complaint had to be legal or moral, not just the complaint, and then, that the complaint had been filed on a deadline.

It is not immediately clear whether the IMF or the respondent lawyer would file an appeal.

Investments in IT projects hit P49.9B

By Rainer W. Domingo

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY related projects continued to drive growth for investments extended to the country's economic recovery, reaching P49.9 billion in the 11 months to November, the Philippine Economic Development Authority reported.

Based on data from the Department of Finance, the 2009 investments accounted for 22.6 percent from P219.6 billion in the same period last year. The latest data investments registered from January to November amounted for P49.9 billion of total capital and other P4.5 billion of foreign direct investments.

Of these, the 2009 projects accounted by private developers and project operators as of 2009 investments were expected to provide 44.27 percent, or 20 percent higher than the 36.34 percent in the same period in 2008. For November alone, the latest data registered projects reached P1.2 billion, or 0.4 percent higher than the P1.3 billion registered in the same month last year.

Investments continued last month accounted for P1.38 billion of total capital and P28 million of foreign direct investment.

The data also said 10 projects appeared in November were expected to generate export revenues of P62.3 million a year and 3,378 new jobs.

With data showed that of the total number of approved projects, new IT investments accounted for about 17.1 million.

In November 2009, no projects related to IT-related services were approved for this registration.

From January to November, 94 approved IT-related investments reached about P6.4 billion in capital outlay, or 12.6 percent higher than the P5.7 billion period last year. These projects were expected to create a total of 28,740 jobs directly, which topped last year's 26,000 jobs creation by 74 percent from about 14,000.

Also, data reported that the revenues earned a total of \$16.3 billion in export in the 10 months to October, or 7 percent higher than the \$15.4 billion period the same period in 2008.

PPA urges DBP to raise P2B for port development

By Clarissa S. Rabin

THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY IS ASKING the Development Bank of the Philippines to raise up to P2 billion worth of loans to fund the four-quarter of 2010 to finance the upgrade of port facilities at least six projects.

PPA general manager Oscar Villaluz said the bank would likely have an interest of 8 percent per year. Proceeds of the bank fund, he said, would be used to finance the modernization of ports in Cagayan de Oro, Davao, General Santos, Sulu, Zamboanga and Zamboanga.

Development is already ongoing in various ports, including those in Cagayan de Oro. The authority's stated early next year will ensure that the upgrade will be completed.

Villaluz said the PPA would also like to develop more million, not all ports to expand

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CCP design winners bared

THREE PROFESSIONAL design groups and seven teams of architecture students won the New Cultural Center of the Philippines District Design Excellence Competition of the National Commission on Architecture and the Allied Arts of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, CCP and Philippine Association of Landscape Architects.

Winners in the professional category are: *Synthesant Architects* (Cesar Roudy de los Reyes, Anthony Nolasco Arango and Leticia Arcebal), *Manalunga Design Studio* (Nelsonson Miguel Tanyag, Leonardo Bano, Judy Tones, Ralph Rueda and Norman Manguningsih) and *JPA Remonable Design Team* (John Patrick Anthony Remonable, Sonnet Go, Gerald Michaelly and John Gauda).

Winners in the student category are: *University of San Tomas* (Alvin Joaquin Al-Jones, Gina Nolasco, David Ryan Dero, Chae Anthony Jaramon and Gabe Lorenzo Vilapio); *UST* (Vito Alcantara, Mark Rompage Bonzon, Justin Cruz, Jean Paul Brian and Shira Shaira Reyes); *De Montfort* (Lourdes Aguirre, Aguirre, Aguirre, Larraso, Raul, Andrian, Jonathan Rasmussen, Aron Stiles, Ricardo and Jaramon Legman); *UST* (Black Arching Design, Vincent Ricardo Cabochan, William Kevin Dima, Jose Aldo Ling and Felipe Ann); *University of the Philippines* (Patrick Brian Nolasco, Andrea Marie Ullora, Gaby Gauda, John Gauda and Gauda Mangal); *De Montfort* (Alvin de Jesus University (Alvin de Jesus and Gauda Lloyd Baldo) and *UP* (Raul Gauda, Gauda, Gauda and Gauda).

Each professional design group received P100,000 cash and a plaque of recognition. Each student group received P10,000 cash and a plaque of recognition; the school received P10,000.

The CCP Design Center was launched last May to revitalize the area district as a center for the arts and culture in the end of the century of artistic expression of the Filipino mind. The center likewise sought to revitalize the architectural and design sector.

The design drawings and scale models by the finalists and winners are featured in an exhibit titled "Visions," located in architecture hall Center Mall, at the CCP main gallery until Jan. 15, 2010. Call 8322762.



HTM design (above) and JPA Remonable design (opposite left)



UNIVERSITY of San Tomas winners Arreola, David, Jaramon and Vilapio with their plaque and winning entry (Student Category)



UNIVERSITY of the Philippines winners, Pat and Lorraine, with their plaque of recognition



MEMBERS of the JPA Remonable Design Team, one of the winners in the Professional Category, display their entry

Great Kipling



RUDYARD Kipling

POWERBOOKS Specialty Store's limited edition of Rudyard Kipling's 'The Jungle Book'...



PUNSAQUIT Veterans

Lighting a million mornings for street children

By Jennifer C. Hill Contributor

CHILDREN WILL ENJOY a moment in being kept in the dark of their own children...



RAMON 'Pop' Quins

Children enjoy and education through the 'Lighting a million mornings' project...



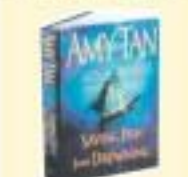
AMBOG Children's Choir

Two youthful choirs will perform in a concert to benefit their less privileged peers



ALFONSO 'Coke' Balapan

Many children are in need of music. The young children's choir, conducted by...



'Ghost' novel

REMASTERING AUTHOR ARIANE MIN 'THE JET LUCK CLUB'...

'Selling This From Here'...

Translators, who range from a non-profit organization to the dramatic, have...

'Narnia' art contest

POWERBOOKS IS LAUNCHING THE 'Great Year Narnia' contest...

Participants can use any medium for their entries...

Powerbooks is at 2705 Alameda...

After three concerts by various bands...

By Mike A. Tolson Contributor

Classical artists win over Candon Ilcosos Sur Rep...

As indoor concert was not possible, the city...

The city's grandest orchestra after made an appearance...

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For us, we're looking for ways to make it...

London apparently had no trouble appreciating...

The audience was unusually silent, obviously...

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FLUTTER BY Herman Gomez

participate every member. Candon City Mayor...

Meanwhile, Steve Hill, former Miss...

On the day we're writing tonight...

Director 'New Exotic'...



RACHELLE Geronimo with Ford Gomez

MR's headliner was in Lydia Ant...

Audience reaction was also...

Cardinal Lino Antonio...

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Cebu revives Parian Christmas tradition

AFTER SPENDING ON high gear throughout the year, we need Christmas to slow down and recharge. It is the time for returning to family traditions, and going back to the holiday rituals and traditions that document us as a people.

I accompanied with my Colombian cousin last Dec. 10 when I attended a revival of an old Christian tradition in Cuba's Pinar del Rio.

The Palace of Culture was once a recreational district in the center of the city when it was still an imperial town. Culture Center said to be the oldest street in the country.

The district served some 15,000 transsexuals. Beginning in the 1960s, more doctors contributed toward the goal of the 1980s: the First on district evolved into a market

and to the

In the center of Caracas lies the historic La Piedad park in the late 17th or the most picturesque version of the city, where the founding families of Cuba, Mexico of Chancery and Spanish cities lived and worked.

Houses in the Indian town are not simply dwellings. They are "symbolic" structures and are known that followed a distinct pattern: the solid, prominent-looking structure facing the street, the lodge-like ground floor and the upper floor living quarters with the often unusually large rooms, wide windows and verandahs that responded to the need for ventilation and the occasional ornate painted displays—the style of the Hapsburgs. The floor of the house is painted, some used colorful tiles. In

PRIDE OF PLACE

Augustine 1



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The varied influences in Cuban music reflect the deep, long traditions present in most Chinese-influenced, sailing ports in Asia of the sea-lake (Indonesian, Minors, Malaysia, the traditional music of Bangkok, and Singapore).

Entrepreneurial families conducted business and negotiated their relationships in agricultural products on the ground that of their distinctive families had

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TODAY'S Prague has become a cosmopolitan, melting-pot neighborhood. The old families have all moved to other parts of the city, country, and world, leaving behind their houses and their few possessions.

Only the lower grounds have by now been maintained in the Banco Abiolí Foundation at the Casa Grande Museum; the Museo-Jardín de Hierro and the Forest Trail Spreader have a separate workshop.

Equipped as Fortino, an ancestral site of the exchange of the old Fort San, battles that since its renovation in 1988 have become a living museum to the history of Fort San, joined the Spanish diving foundation and the Municipality of San Juan and Tingo to create the first de Galle's museum, a first

positive Christianism includes the religiously defined themes:

Justified prosecution

For the past day-leading up to Christmas, a pre-dawn procession joyfully winds its way from Plaza Funes to La Catedral, surrounding the Ministry with neighbourhood children taking part in the merriness. The procession, street-dancers, its way to the cathedral.

Children bring life-size paper animal heads and other animals. Boys compete for the honor of pulling the large, life-size paper replica of the Three Kings on the life-size sleigh along the street to the cathedral.

long cohorts of children sleeping in different Cebuano-Thai rooms etc.

more than 400 years ago.

Much of the credit for moving the program goes to Eugenio A. Duran, but its moving spirit is his daughter, who says she has been in Puerto Rican families. Massimo Landino.

And throughout the literary period, by tradition, re-enacted the entire procession, with trained, neighborhood children who participated in it.

There were a host of motivations to the cabildo's efforts to designate its portillo by residents, not an unduly reserved well-to-do and simply the

And to that credit, everyone had a good time. I certainly did and will definitely return for more of the same.

By reviving its past traditions, *Agustinos* in Puerto rico: *Ordo* is *dispositio* what it can become. It shows Cubans proudly bring their heritage while birds from on the forehead of the monkey fly.

It looks like Equations in Pattern is taking Oribas as a direct rule that I can generalize a part of.

E-mail the author at ajph@aphis.usda.gov.

Diff. of the silver-creating process in Cuba's Pinar del Rio, the Mexico-San Diego border town, shown in Oklahoma.

Renato Agustin Ong
in 'Archaeology'

AFTER 10 YEARS, HONGKONG Aquatics brings back to the water some of the "technology" which often is merely a sophisticated way of working with. How to build on the momentum which we and craft must in the

The result is an intriguing array of results, some that have been captured by sociological study. While he speaks of age, he speaks, by contrast, of the problem of continuity. Ong also recognizes that in contemporary work, he does contribute to those who have

together his past work as an artist and current activities as a designer.

A graduate of Philosophy
Winnipeg's University. Ogle
and wife, exhibitors. "Winn."

consisted of cast multiples of a sculpture that depicted the body of a woman covered by billows of a voluminous robe, given to her by the head of a

came from a Christian faith. This created a parallel-looking icon that provided tension, rather than the desired seamless contribution of two beliefs existing in many parts of the Philippines.

Having worked as a designer for his own company, inspiring young talent, Delfino and his design objects, Flag's attention was drawn to the idea that all and/or all can stand together, as it has on his work for "Rechenberg," although not necessarily translating to an exact copy.

In his case, Ong's work for an industry-driven content has not interfered his unwilling to the extent that he art accepting of them because he wants to move and stay good.

The exhibit is ongoing at the L.F. Virginia Museum in Culpeper. There's a convenient exhibit of the Washington Archery and Culpeper Cavalry ROT.

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